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SUBJECT:BABBLE SYSTEM

1. RECENT CONSULTATION WITH RSO PAYNE WAS VERY HELPFUL
IN PROVIDING FULL UNDERSTANDING OF DURBAN SITUATION AND
REQUIREMENT FOR PROTECTION OF "ONE-ON-ONE" CONVERSATIONS
WITH FOREIGN NATIONALS.

2. BELIEVE BEST SOLUTION IS TO EMPLOY PORTABLE BABBLE
SYSTEM HITHERTO USED CHIEFLY IN SUPPORT OF VIP TRAVEL.
SYSTEM CONSISTS OF CASSETTE TAPE PLAYER, SMALL SPEAKERS,
TAPE PLAYER ACCESSORIES, AND CASSETTE TAPE RECORDING OF
"COCKTAIL PARTY BABBLE". SYSTEM IS UNCLASSIFIED BUT SHOULD
RECEIVE CAREFUL HANDLING AND STORAGE TO PRECLUDE TECHNICAL
PENETRATION THRU UNAUTHORIZED MODIFICATION.

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3. TO USE, ARRANGE SEATING SO INTERLOCUTORS ARE FACING
AND MINIMALLY SEPARATED, PREFERABLY NEAR ROOM CENTER.
DURING CONVERSATIONS, CONNECT3ABBLE SYSTEM AND PLAY TAPE.
LOCATION FOR SPEAKERS IS NOT CRITICAL BUT IN SMALL ROOM
BEST LOCATION WOULD BE IN OPPOSITE CORNERS ONE OR TWO FEET
FROM WALL. CONVERSE AT NORMAL TO LOW TONES. SET VOLUME OF

TAPE PLAYER AT HIGHEST LEVEL THAT PERMITS CONVERSATION TO

CONTINUE. TO INSURE EFFECTIVENESS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SOME ANNOYANCE BE ACCEPTED. CLOSE SEATING AND EYE-TO-EYE CONTACT IS HELPFUL IN ALLOWING CONVERSATION IN PRESENCE OF ADEQUATE-LEVEL BABBLE.

4. WE ARE POUCHING ONE SYSTEM TO DURBAN UNDER REGISTRY NUMBER 3244759. PLEASE GIVE THE SYSTEM A TRY AND LET US KNOW RESULTS. BELT SYSTEM NOT APPROVED AT THIS TIME.

5. EQUIPMENT WILL BECOME PART OF TSO PRETORIA INVENTORY.
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